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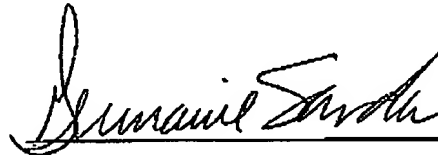
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**8. STATEMENT**

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

**9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.**

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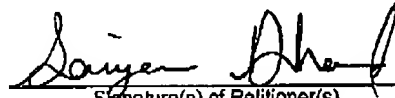
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**ENCLOSURES:**

☒ Maintenance Fee payment

☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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